

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

S.C.O. NO. 16-17, SECTOR 20-D, DAKSHIN MARG, CHANDIGARH

The 20th December, 2005

No. SEC/3E-III/2005/11584.—In exercise of the powers vested under clause (1) of Article 243K of the Constitution of India read with Sub-section (1), (2), (3) and (4) of Section 161 and Sub-section (2) of Section 211 and Section 212 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and under Rule 24 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994 and all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I, Chander Singh, State Election Commissioner, Haryana hereby prescribe the time schedule for conduct of Panchayat Bye-elections of Ward No. 18, Panchayat Samiti, Nising, District Karnal and for the post of Sarpanches, Gram Panchayat Mahniawas, Block Pataudi and Gram Panchayat Rampura, Block Gurgaon, District Gurgaon to fill up vacant seats, for the remaining term.

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| (a) Date on which notices shall be published by District Election Officers (Panchayat) in Form 2 or 3 as the case may be for inviting nominations under Rule 24 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Election Rule, 1994. | 27th December, 2005 (Tuesday) |
| (b) Period for making nomination under Rule 24(a). | 28th December, 2005 (Wednesday)
to
29th December, 2005 (Thursday)
(From 10.00 A.M. to 04.00 P.M.) |
| (c) Date by which information shall be furnished by the candidate that he/she is not suffering from any disqualification in the format prescribed, to the Returning Officer (Panchayat). | 30th December, 2005 (Friday)
Before 10.00 A.M. |
| (d) Date of Scrutiny under Rule 24(b). | 30th December, 2005 (Friday)
(From 10.00 A.M. to 04.00 P.M.) |
| (e) Date of Withdrawal under Rule 24(c). | 31st December, 2005 (Saturday)
(From 10.00 A.M. to 04.00 P.M.) |
| (f) Date of Poll, if required. | 8th January, 2006 (Sunday)
(From 08.00 A.M. to 04.00 P.M.) |
| (g) Counting of votes. | For the Sarpanch immediately after the close of poll at the Polling Stations and for the Member Panchayat Samiti on 9th January, 2006 at 8.00 A.M. at the Block Headquarter at the place to be specified by the District Election Officer (Panchayat). |

2. The District Election Officers (Panchayat), Karnal and Gurgaon shall by notice in Form 2 or Form 3 as the case may be, specify the above programme *i.e.* (i) last date, time and place of making nominations; (ii) the date, time and place for the scrutiny of the nomination papers; (iii) date and time for withdrawal of candidature and (iv) the date on which and the time during which the polling will be held; (v) the date, time and place of counting of votes in accordance with the provisions contained in sub-rule (a), (b) and (e) of Rule 24 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj (Election) Rules, 1994 and send a copy of the notice to the Commission by fax.

3. The State Election Commission further directs that the nomination papers for the election to Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Mahniawas, Block Pataudi, Gurgaon shall be filed and received at Gram Panchayat Head Quarter and for the election of Member Panchayat Samiti Nising, Ward No. 18 shall be filed and received at the concerned Block Head Quarter by the Returning Officer. The State Election Commission further directs that the **work of scrutiny of the nomination papers should not be delegated to the Assistant Returning Officer.**

4. The State Election Commission further directs that the signatures of the candidate or his election agent should be obtained on the nomination paper for allotment of symbol to the candidates in token of the fact that the candidates have been informed about the symbols allotted to him.

5. The State Election Commission also directs that the Returning Officer (Panchayat) shall supply copies of the prescribed forms regarding criminalization of politics to the contesting candidates which will be given to Returning Officer by the Deputy Commissioners, Karnal and Gurgaon. A contesting candidate would be required to make declaration on the prescribed proforma annexed with the nomination paper before the Returning Officer (concerned) at the time of filling nomination paper.

6. The State Election Commission, further directs that at the time of receiving nomination papers, the Returning Officer (Panchayat) shall issue a copy of the prescribed proforma of the affidavit to be furnished by the candidate that he/she is not suffering from any disqualification, making it clear to the candidate that he/she is required to submit this affidavit in the prescribed format on plain paper. The Returning Officer (Panchayat) shall also obtain a dated receipt in the prescribed form of issuing the copy of the proforma and retain with the nomination papers.

7. The State Election Commissioner further directs that if there is any Writ Petition/Election Petition pending in any competent court against these vacancies, then the bye-election to that seat will be the subject to the condition of final outcome of the said petition and further if there is any stay granted by the competent court, in that case election shall not be held.

Chandigarh :
The 20th December, 2005

CHANDER SINGH,
State Election Commissioner, Haryana